

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for providing local information about a network portal to a destination server, comprising:

creating a message containing substitutable variables and addressed to said destination server;

sending said message;

receiving said message at said network portal;

detecting said substitutable variables in said message;

amending said message at said network portal in response to detecting said substitutable variables by replacing said substitutable variables in said message with said local information; and

sending amended message to said destination server.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said message and said amended message are formatted according to a text-based Internet protocol.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Session Initiation Protocol.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, where said network portal is an Internet Appliance.

7. (Original) A network portal configured to provide local information to a destination server, comprising:

memory for storing said local information in association with a substitutable variable;

a receiver for receiving a message, said message addressed to said destination server and consisting partly of said substitutable variable;

means for identifying said substitutable variable in said message;

a processor for replacing said substitutable variable in said message with said local information from said memory, thereby creating an amended message; and

a transmitter for sending said amended message to said destination server.

8. (Original) The network portal of claim 7 wherein said message and said amended message are formatted according to a text-based Internet protocol.

9. (Original) The network portal of Claim 8, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

10. (Original) The network portal of Claim 8, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Session Initiation Protocol.

11. (Original) The network portal of Claim 8, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

12. (Currently Amended) The network portal of claim 78, wherein said network portal may be an Internet Appliance.

13. (New) A method for providing local information about a network portal to a destination server, comprising:

receiving a message addressed to a destination server, at said network portal, said message containing substitutable variables and addressed to said destination server;

detecting said substitutable variables in said message;

amending said message at said network portal in response to detecting said substitutable variables by replacing said substitutable variables in said message with said local information; and

sending amended message to said destination server.